

House Resolution No. 3524

Whereas, Marvin and Mary Kithcart, residents of Rich Hill, Missouri, have been chosen to serve as Grand Marshals for the 2008 Fourth of July Parade to be held in Rich Hill; and

Whereas, Marvin and Mary Kithcart's career as merchants in the Rich Hill community began in 1947 with the opening of an Army/Navy surplus store which sold work pants, jeans, boots, and shirts, with shoes and some women's apparel being added at a later date; and

Whereas, in 1951, Melvin Kithcart began planting an orchard along Highway 71 south of Rich Hill on his parents' property and added six hundred new trees in 1968 when the new four-lane highway took most of the original plantings; and

Whereas, following the closure of the surplus store, Marvin and Mary Kithcart worked various jobs until 1970 when the orchard began producing apples and peaches; and

Whereas, as the years went by the shop located at the orchard expanded and began selling nuts, candies, yard ornaments, souvenirs, and produce, and it became a family business in 1996 when Marvin and Mary Kithcart's son, Jim, and grandson, Richard, joined the business; and

Whereas, active members of their community, Marvin and Mary Kithcart have also enjoyed recognition by supporting the VFW, the Rich Hill Bow Hunters Club, the Boy Scouts of America organization, the Parent Teacher Association, the Library Board, the McGennis Youth Center Board, the Greenlawn Cemetery, the Veterans Memorial, and the annual Kid's Promenade and Pet Show celebrated during Rich Hill's Fourth of July Celebration; and

Whereas, married on November 16, 1946, Marvin and Mary Kithcart have been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include three children and their spouses, Sharon and Leonard Tourtillott of Rich Hill, Donna and Gregg Zeller of Springfield, and the late Jim Kithcart; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Marvin and Mary Kithcart for their selection to serve as Grand Marshals for the Fourth of July Parade in Rich Hill and in further wishing them continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Marvin and Mary Kithcart.

Offered by _____
Representative Barney Fisher
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3524, adopted July 1, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker